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Ms. Lisa Evans
Attorney
EarthJustice
21 Ocean Ave.
Marblehead, MA 01945

Dear Ms. Evans:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your letter dated April 5, 2008, in which you petition to correct information disseminated by the USDA Forest Service and USDOJ Bureau of Land Management. We received your letter on April 7, 2008. Your request was submitted pursuant to Public Law 106-554 § 515, and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Information Quality Guidelines. You filed this request for correction on behalf of Greater Yellowstone Coalition and the Natural Resources Defense Council.

Your request pertains to certain information contained in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Smokey Canyon Mine Panels F and G Expansion Project published on October 26, 2007. The request also pertains to the Final Modeling Report, Groundwater Flow and Solute Transport, Smokey Canyon Mine Panels F and G Extension Area, prepared for the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service by JBR Environmental Consultants.

We are in the process of reviewing your request for correction. If, after publication of the final agency response to your request, you are dissatisfied with this decision, you may make a request for reconsideration within 45 days and send by overnight delivery service, letter, fax, or email to:

US Forest Service
ORMS, Data Quality Office
Mail Stop 1113, SW Values Building
14th & Independence Avenue, SW
Washington D.C. 20250-2030
Phone (202) 205-0444
FAX (202) 260-3245
Email gvargas@fs.fed.us

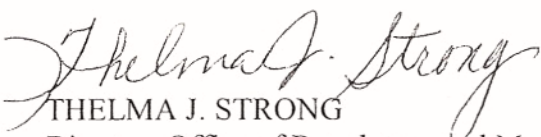
Persons requesting reconsideration should submit written material to support their case for reconsideration, as well as a copy of the information originally submitted to support the request for correction and a copy of the Forest Service response. Requests for Reconsideration filed after the 45-day deadline may be denied as being untimely.



Details on how to file a request for reconsideration can be found on the USDA website:
http://www.ocio.usda.gov/irm/qi_guidelines.html. The request for reconsideration should
reference this letter and follow the "Procedures for Requesting Reconsideration of USDA's
Decision."

If you should have additional questions, please contact the George Vargas, Assistant Director,
Information Quality, at (202) 205-0444. We appreciate your continued interest in Forest Service
activities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thelma J. Strong". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

THELMA J. STRONG

Director, Office of Regulatory and Management Services